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Philly miner back in the 'Zone' on Animal Planet

Dream job. A local man and full-time miner is one of the stars of "Ice Cold Gold." Season 2 premieres tonight.

"Ice Cold Gold" premieres tonight at 10 on Animal Planet. / ANIMAL PLANET

He's featured on a reality show, but he's still a full-time working stiff.

"I'm an average, everyday guy. I'm a driller. It just so happens I took a chance and made it," said Americo DiSantis, 32. "But when it comes to it, I'll get in there, get as dirty as you are and work with ya."

DiSantis, a father of two who lives in Bucks County, is a key player on "Ice Cold Gold," a reality show premiering its second season tonight on Animal Planet. The premise follows a team of miners in search of rare and precious stones in Greenland.

Season 2 promises even more thrills, DiSantis said, because the first jaunt to the icy terrain of Greenland ended with the discovery of a massive ruby deposit dubbed "The Red Zone" — located on a mountaintop 3,200 feet above sea level.

"Season 2 is lots more action, bigger tools, more personality. It's just go, go, go," DiSantis said. "It's like the gold rush of the 1800s. It's the final frontier out there."

Starting on the island of Storo, DiSantis said the team went south to Fiskenæsset, where geologists in the team studied the unusual metamorphic rock of Greenland to figure out where valuable stones could be mined.

For his day job with Ameridrill, DiSantis uses cutting-edge technologies like augur boring and directional drilling. But in Greenland, his proposal to helicopter in a massive drill got canned by the team due to expenses, he said.

Instead, he said the team took a hand drill and set it up with a foot-long bit.

DiSantis did find some rare stones that he was able to bring home to his daughters as souvenirs — but for most of the job, he was focused on cutting through stone.

"I'm usually auguring and drilling and blowing through rock to get to depth. I'm not caring about how pretty it is," he said.

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Gemology

Stones in them thar hills!

DiSantis works full-time for Ameridrill here in the U.S. But as one of seven Americans in Greenland on "Ice Cold Gold," he makes up Sixty Degree Resources, a company that is seeking to exploit Greenland's vast unexplored terrains.

The team could only search for stones during the warm months when "the glacier cap peels back furthest," as DiSantis put it.

Animal Planet estimates that "The Red Zone" deposit is worth millions of dollars.

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Local tweet

"BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG BONG"

Good morning, @CorrChapel (Villanova).

Obama's nominee out due to Abu-Jamal link

Based on his work to appeal Mumia Abu-Jamal's death sentence, Debo Adegbile was voted down by the U.S. Senate Wednesday, 52-47, from leading the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

President Obama nominated Adegbile in November and called the Senate vote "a travesty based on wildly unfair character attacks against a good and qualified public servant."

Adegbile's nomination was considered controversial because he led the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund while they worked on appealing the death sentence of Abu-Jamal, convicted and sentenced to death for murdering Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner in 1981.

Quoted

"Today is a good day for Pennsylvania, for America and for those who believe in justice. It was a hard-fought victory to the end." Toomey

But D.A. Seth Williams praised the decision.

"The defense of this man was about misleading the public," Williams said of the LDF's actions.

Abu-Jamal's death sentence was overturned due to procedural error in 2011.

Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey voted against Adegbile.

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Revolutionary War reenactors were on hand to celebrate the beginning of demolition. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Make way for the colonials

Wartime. Locally based INTECH Construction was chosen to tear down the old and build the new.

What is claimed to be the first museum to consolidate the entire history of the American Revolution under one roof is a few steps closer to reality.

It just needs more money.

At a ceremony Wednesday, supporters gathered to drum up more interest for the Museum of the American Revolution and to announce the demolition of the existing Independence Park visitors' center. The center, which was constructed to accommodate bicentennial celebrations in 1976, is set to come down in a few weeks.

During a speech to donors, former Gov. Ed Rendell, a longtime supporter of the project, worked to inspire potential donors with stories of great sacrifice.

"We won our freedom against all odds," he said. "And that story needs to be told."

So far, a little more than $100 million of the $150 million price tag has been raised.

Philanthropist H. F. "Gerry" Lenfest, who donated $40 million to the project, said, "I think it's important for future generations that they understand the principles that created this great country."

While the building's design is set, his group is working with the City's Art Commission to refine the final product. It is set to open in 2016.

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At odds

Union wants hand-laid brick

Members of the Local 1 Bricklayers Union aren't happy.

Workers picketed Wednesday's ceremony in protest of the proposed use of brick panels for the building's exterior. Worker George Posner said real craftsmen should lay real brick.

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Ed Rendell is happy to help attract the 2016 DNC to Philly

Fast Eddie. One city councilman hopes the former DNC chairman is an ace in the hole.

Count former Gov. Ed Rendell in.

Rendell said that if the people want him to help bring the Democratic National Convention to Philadelphia, he's all for it.

"If that's the will of the majority," he said, "I'd be happy to do it."

City Councilman Jim Kenney said last week — after Mayor Michael Nutter's office formally tossed the city's name into the hat to host the 2016 convention — that a local committee tasked to help draw the event should be chaired by one man.

"I would love to see someone like Ed Rendell chair it," Kenney said last week. "I can't think of a better person than Ed Rendell."

Rendell said Wednesday that the city has a fighter's chance to lure the convention.

"I think we did a great job with the 2000 Republican [National] Convention, and I think the Democrats would love to come here," he said.

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Quoted

"How could you not love being in a place where the country was founded?"
Rendell

Catholics observe the first day of Lent

Catholics celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, at the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Center City during a noontime Mass on Wednesday. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Lawsuit filed against district

Discrimination. The Department of Justice said an Islamic police officer should be able to wear a long beard.

The School District of Philadelphia is being targeted in a lawsuit that alleges it discriminated against an Islamic school police officer who was wearing a long beard because of his religion.

The lawsuit, filed on Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Justice, says the district is in violation of the Civil Rights Act and has a pattern of discrimination. The lawsuit states that Siddiq Abu-Bakr, and other individuals, could not comply with the district's policy that school police officers cannot have a beard longer than one-quarter inch. The lawsuit says his religious beliefs should exempt him from the grooming policy.

The complaint also said the school district failed to consider Abu-Bakr's request for reasonable accommodation to its grooming policy that would have been in accordance with his religious beliefs, according to the Department of Justice. METRO

What they want

The DOJ is seeking declaratory and injunctive relief requiring the district to implement a new grooming policy that would prevent employees from religious discrimination.

- It is also seeking monetary damages for Abu-Bakr and other individuals.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Finest fight house fire in North Philadelphia

Firefighters were at the site of a house fire at Randolph and Venango in North Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon. No one was injured in the fire, which started on the first floor and quickly consumed the house. METRO

'Get him!' Killers shouted before opening fire: Witness

Two men were held for court on murder charges after a preliminary hearing Wednesday at which a witness identified them as participating in the murder of Alfred McCrory, during a bloody weekend last summer.

Bernard Ford, 24, and Terrence Johnson, 20, are both charged with McCrory's murder. A third defendant, Spencer Hutchins, 25, is also charged but was not present for the hearing. A fourth suspect has not yet been arrested.

The witness testified that he ran to his front door when he heard a gunshot around 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2013, on the 2000 block of Bellmore Avenue in Kensington.

Outside his home, the witness said he saw McCrory, also a resident of the block and whom he knew as "DooDoo," clutching his right side in pain and surrounded by four men who were talking to him.

Ford allegedly pulled his T-shirt up to his face and yelled "Get him!" at which point the other three men, including Johnson, fired five shots, the witness said.

McCrory was also pistol whipped before being killed by a bullet to the heart, according to a medical report.

On the weekend of McCrory's murder eight men were murdered in separate incidents. SAM NEWHOUSE

Stop!

Red-light cameras active in Northwest

As of midnight Thursday, the newly added red-light cameras at Stenton and Ogontz avenues in Northwest Philly are on the lookout.

From now on, motorists who pass through the intersection's red lights will be mailed $100 fines.

The 45-day grace period, which issued warnings to violators in lieu of tickets, ended at midnight on Thursday.

The city now sports cameras at 26 intersections. And the suburbs aren't far behind.

Abington Township in Montgomery County and Springfield Township in Delaware County are putting plans in place. METRO

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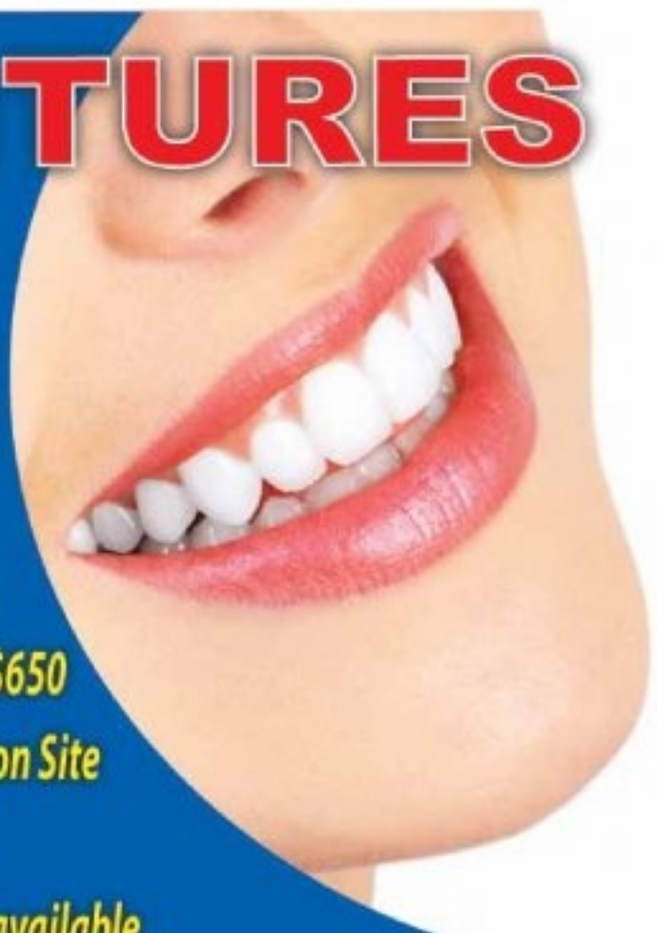

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Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, John Cusack is entertained at least, Mindy Kaling is just looking for an excuse and Katy Perry is practically a marine biologist.

@johncusack: I love twitter when I randomly follow people and wake up to see berserk things on my feed

@mindykaling: I have the best vacation outfits, now someone take me on vacation!

@katyperry: If cuttlefish really cuddle call me a mermaid and drop me in a tank of them pls.

Travolta is over Adele Dazeem

Jorn Tromolto is working on letting it go.

John Travolta is sorry for messing up Idina Menzel's name at the Oscars on Sunday, where he introduced her as "Adele Dazeem." Also, though, he's over it.

"I've been beating myself up all day," Travolta said in a statement, according to People. "Then I thought, 'What would Idina Menzel say?' She'd say, 'Let it go, let it go!'" [Ed note: Good luck with that.]

Indeed, it seems like the "Frozen" star doesn't hold a grudge — she gave Travolta a hug after her performance of "Let It Go."

The Internet, on the other hand, has no plans to stop enjoying Travolta's flub anytime soon. Not only did an Adele Dazeem Twitter account instantly spring into existence, but you can now Travoltify your name (just call me Melissa Thozomas, writer for Marco). **MELINDA TAUB**

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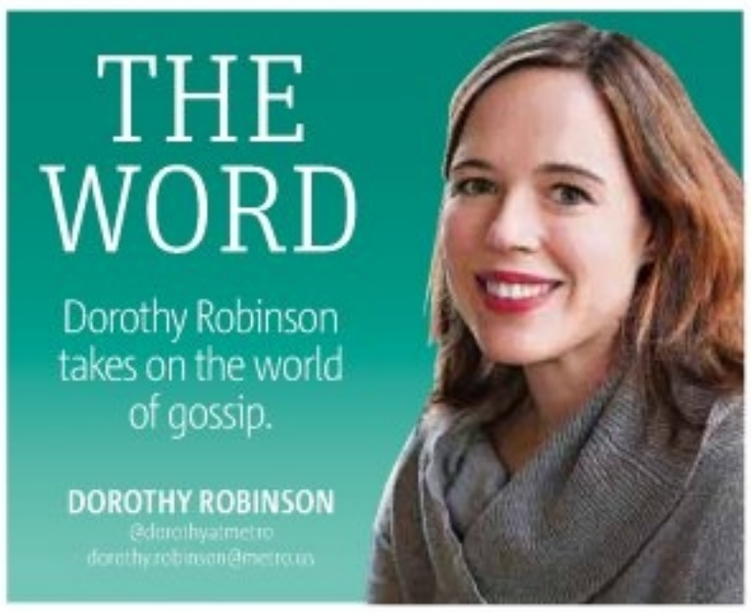
Watch out for that sword!

We're sad to say that shortly after this photo was taken, an unsuspecting Eva Green died from injuries sustained from having a giant knife cut through her head by a very angry (yet very buff) Greek warrior. (Just kidding — she was just posing in front of a terrible spot while at the premiere of her new film "300: Rise of an Empire" on Tuesday in Hollywood.) Next time, the publicist should put her somewhere where it doesn't look like a giant knife is going directly into her skull. A wall, perhaps?



Conan O'Brien will host MTV's 2014 Movie Awards

He may have lost "The Tonight Show," but at least a certain redhead can find comfort in the arms of MTV. Conan O'Brien will host the 2014 MTV Movie Awards next month in Los Angeles, he announced during "Conan" on Tuesday night.

"After eight years of intense negotiations, I am honored to announce I am hosting MTV's second-most prestigious awards show," he joked.

The show will take place April 13 at the Nokia Theater in Los Angeles.

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'Our take on life is wacky'

Theater. "The Terrible Girls" trilogy continues with "Skin & Bone."

At some point during Azuka Theatre's hit production of "The Terrible Girls" in 2011, playwright Jacqueline Goldfinger got an idea: She wanted to turn the Southern Gothic play into a trilogy.

"There's something about this genre that allows you to do things that you can't do in 'straight' theater," says Goldfinger, from her home in South Philly. "That's true especially for female identities, because the normal societal judgments just don't apply. So I can push these characters in ways that might be off-putting in a straight dramatic play."

This week Azuka is premiering the second installment of the "Terrible" trilogy, "Skin & Bone." Don't expect any characters from the first installment to appear, but these residents of Transfer, Fla., the same fictional town, promise to be just as disturbing and hilarious. This time the play takes place in a creepy bed and breakfast — with a dark secret.

Goldfinger grew up in Tallahassee, and carries the North Florida landscape in her bones.

"My brand of Southern Goth tends to be more humorous. I think that's because of Florida. Very few Southern Goth tales take place there. And let's face it, Florida is a bizarre place," she says. "We embrace the bizarre in Florida. Our take on life is a little wacky and out there."

But, as in almost any Southern Goth tale, there are disturbing truths underlying the outlandish and outsized personalities of this play.

"Growing up, I spent a lot of time up and down the I-10 Interstate," Goldfinger says. "The landscape is gorgeous, and the people were always nice, but I always felt a little undercurrent of something darker."

Maureen Torsney-Weir, Amanda Schoonover and Drucie McDaniel star in "Skin & Bone." / JOHANNA AUSTIN, AUSTINART.ORG

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1 '300: Rise of an Empire' Zack Snyder's homophobic yet homoerotic Spartan bloodbath gets a belated sequel, or rather a side-sequel. The less chronicled Battle of Artemisium is the focus this time around, and best of all there's Eva Green as a warrior queen who likes to make out with freshly decapitated heads.

2 'Mr. Peabody & Sherman' Rocky and Bullwinkle don't have the greatest track record when it comes to movies (including the Brendan Fraser-starring "Dudley Do-Right"). But here we go again, with the history-themed dog-and-boy segments transformed into a time travel movie.

3 'Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me' Elaine Stritch, now 89, hasn't called it quits, even though she did leave New York for Birmingham, Mich. This documentary finds her looking back on her illustrious and often salty life.

4 'Afternoon of a Faun: Tanaquil Le Clercq' Famed ballerina Tanaquil Le Clercq, muse to both George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins, gets profiled in this documentary, which also includes Michael Stuhlbarg ("A Serious Man") filling in for Robbins' voice.

5 'If You Build It' The last time Patrick Creadon made a documentary it was "I.O.U.S.A.," which warned of a looming economic collapse — in summer 2008. This time he takes on a North Carolina school that tries to get kids involved in hands-on construction.

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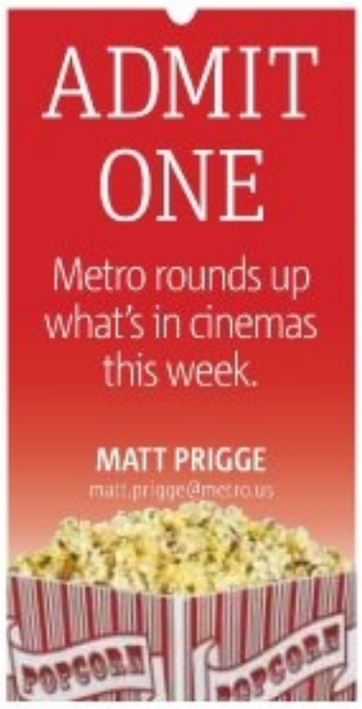

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Interview. Showbiz legend Elaine Stritch returns to New York City to promote her new documentary

Last April, at 88, showbiz legend Elaine Stritch followed through on a longtime threat: She moved out of New York City. It seemed an era had finally ended. But she's back for now, promoting her new documentary, "Elaine Stritch: Shoot Me," with her trademark saltiness. The film is an intimate (and honest) look at the singer and performer (known to many as Jack Donaghy's tyrannical mom on "30 Rock"), as she scares and delights people — sometimes the same people.

Elaine Stritch finally gets her own documentary profile, "Shoot Me." / GETTY IMAGES

There have been conflicting reports that you're retired. What's the official word?
No, I'm not at all. I'd do a good play in a New York minute, as they say. OK?

You moved to Birmingham, Mich. How do you fill your days? Do you just relax?
Yes. It's my favorite thing in the world to do. I'll tell you, I'm tired, and I have every right to be tired. I always think, "Oh God, you must work every day and earn your keep," and it's a lot of bulls—. I mean that! I want to sit and relax and laugh. I'm very happy to sit back and get paid a few bucks.

You joined Twitter recently. You only have a few tweets so far. How are you finding it?
Honesty, I haven't been awake long enough to know what it's like. Somebody just convinced me to join Twitter, so I said, "All right, I will!" I don't feel any different. It's the only advice I've ever taken from anybody. I don't know if it costs money, or if it doesn't cost money. I don't know what the hell it is!

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Toast

Have a drink

After 20 years of sobriety, you've said that you allow yourself one drink a day.
More or less, yes. More is better than less. [Laughs] I don't have the urge to drink more. But the few that I have taste awful good.

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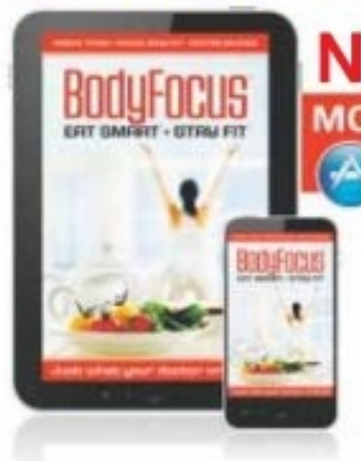

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Spring trend: Mom jeans

Model Laura Love paired her jeans with a feminine blouse and sandals at a party with her pal Gia Coppola. / GETTY IMAGES

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Denim. We round up a selection of the new, unexpected "it" denim.

Sure, we've all made fun of them when looking through old photographs from the '90s and convinced our parents to throw out a pair (or three), but mom jeans — the high-waisted, slightly tapered-leg denim in lighter, faded washes — are making a comeback. First seen on fashion insiders and celebrities who trawl the best vintage stores, the trend has found its way into major retailers like Urban Outfitters and Topshop, making it accessible to you.

But we're not saying to go all old school and style them with a fanny pack and high-top white sneakers. Instead, pair the denim with sexy pumps or laid-back sandals for a fresh take. The higher waistband will elongate legs and accentuate curves — not to mention do away with any unsightly muffin tops and plumber's cracks (not cute).

A baby step toward the trend would be retiring your indigo wash skinnies for a lighter shade of blue, also set to be big for spring. And if you're ready to get on board, here are a few pairs we love.

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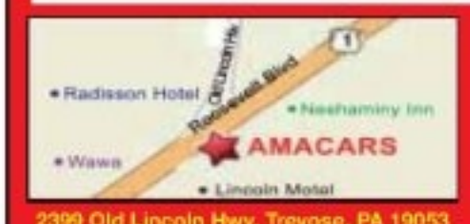

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Love in the time of DOMA.

Question: How do you prove love? Answer: It proves itself.

Author Liza Monroy, a self-proclaimed lovefool, gleefully admits her appreciation for the romantic comedy genre in her new memoir, "The Marriage Act." While she isn't deluded by fantasy, she insists that every relationship can be distilled into a rom-com. Take her first marriage — to her gay best friend in 2001, just after 9/11 — for example. "With Emir, everything was so absurd, a comedy of errors," she says. Her book details the set pieces of that story, which includes a cast of characters and series of coincidences that can only be described as filmic. Monroy's friend-turned-husband, Emir, is from a conservative Middle Eastern country and his visa is expiring; he has not yet come out to his family. Meanwhile, the pair fear outing themselves to Monroy's mother, a visa chief for the State Department, and endangering Emir's hopes for a green card. Hilarity — like their Vegas nuptials officiated by an Elvis impersonator — and anxiety — like dodging questions about circumcision at the INS — ensue.

Spoiler alert: As with most rom-coms, their narrative has a happy ending. More than a decade later, Emir remains legally in the U.S., and both of them have found the kind of life partners they had wished for in their early 20s. Moreover, DOMA, the federal law that defined marriage as a union solely between partners of the opposite sex, was struck down last June, meaning that nowadays no one will need to make the same sacrifice that Monroy did for her friend. Although no longer legally bound to Emir, she still loves him, in a way that transcends traditional, silver-screen notions of the word.

"We are together forever because our friendship — our sibling-hood — continues," she says.

And while she says everything is different from one relationship to the next, and that her unconventional partnership with Emir wasn't a tutorial for married life, the newlywed has learned over time how to fall in love for real — that is, with oneself first. She offers her advice:

Liza Monroy /MATT EDGE

Advice

Let go

"You can't control what another person thinks, does, feels — and shouldn't try to. That's why the best relationships are effortless, because you just let each other be, to grow naturally together instead of growing apart. Relinquishing control is an important clue that a relationship will last."

1 Use your judgment: "Ultimately, when you find the right person, you feel it. You wouldn't even think about needing advice or asking for outside input. Not that you're fully in bliss 24 hours a day, but after a conflict, you never think, 'Maybe I shouldn't be in this relationship.' You know it's not going to work out the minute you bad-mouth your partner to your friends. That's a red flag."

2 Be ready: "Get to a place in your life where you're completely fine on your own, so that you don't have expectations of a partner. Not that you shouldn't expect anything [in a relationship], but realize that you don't need someone to do things for you or make you feel validated. I finally decided I didn't need a relationship. If a guy showed up who fit into [my life], great; if not, I'm just fine on my own path. When he appeared, it was a nice bonus and surprise."

3 Be independent: "[Marriage] makes you more independent because you are joining forces with somebody; you always have a teammate. Knowing that someone has your back liberates you to take risks, pursue dreams and really just be who you are. If someone keeps you from doing the things you want, makes you claustrophobic or is possessive, then they're the wrong person for you."

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Meat glue vs. charcoal

Trends. The Philly food scene is heading in two opposite, delicious directions.

As much as we bristle at comparisons to New York City, Philly is always a little behind when it comes to trends — especially food trends. So that molecular gastronomy cooking you heard so much about two or three years ago? It's now popular here. Ditto on the sous vide, the liquid nitrogen and the meat glue.

"Philadelphia is catching up," says Leo Forneas, head chef at The Twisted Tail (509 S. Second St.).

Forneas is in a good spot to compare. He's worked in both cities, at our Asian fusion spot Sampan and in New York at Silk Rd Tavern and Aquavit, among others.

Now he's back, seeing revered local chefs follow trends like using meat glue, a powder used to stick together a protein — say, salmon — and creating a different shape, which affects how it cooks.

But at the same time, the good old-fashioned comfort food trend isn't going anywhere, Forneas predicts. "At the end of the day, people still want their steak and potatoes."

Paul Rodriguez of High Street on Market (308 Market St.), the more casual sister spot to Fork, says it's part of a "back-to-basics mentality"— which is pretty much as far away from liquid nitrogen as you can get.

Chicken and waffles at The Twisted Tail / PROVIDED

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Try the roasted pork sandwich with fermented broccoli rabe at High Street on Market. / PROVIDED

Buzzwords

Back to basics

Diners want to see simpler, classic, "Old World ways" being incorporated into kitchens, Rodriguez says.

"'Craftsmanship' is now being [talked] about a lot in the culinary world," he explains. "People like well-crafted food with a story. They want to see where it comes from, from beginning to end, with less pretense around it."

Enter foraging. "There are people that, all they do is forage for herbs and greens," Rodriguez says, "things growing around us that we've overlooked. 'Edibles,' they call them." (And here we thought we were dropping the pretense.)

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Fire it up

On the grill

Also trendy is relying on the original cooking technique — open flame — for a lot more than burgers. "Restaurants are focusing on the grill, on the elements of charcoal and smoke," he says. "It's not just grilling a piece of meat but, for example, using the flavor profile of a grilled carrot and incorporating it into another dish."

Of course, just because the grill is hot in Philly doesn't mean we were firing it up first. "There are restaurants in New York City almost entirely built around the grill," Rodriguez says. "You always see trends in New York City happening before other areas."

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Helium Comedy Club is hosting a comedian who needs no introduction. She has returned to daytime TV as the host of "The Rosie Show" on the Oprah Winfrey Network and now she returns to the place where it all started: a stand-up comedy tour.

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Beethoven and Shostakovich

Thursday-Saturday
Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center, 300 S. Broad St.
$45-$95, 215-670-2300
www.kimmelcenter.org
The Philadelphia Orchestra, led by guest conductor Stephane Deneve, is doing a wondrous tandem of Beethoven and 20th century composer Shostakovich. Violinist Nikolaj Znaider is spotlighted during Beethoven's only concerto for the violin while Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 thunders and soars.

Philadelphia Folk Festival Co-op Showcase

Friday, 8 p.m.
Tin Angel, 20 S. 2nd St.
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Four local folk acts — Fistful of Sugar, Paul Saint John, Denise Moser and Ben Cocchiaro — duke it out for a spot at the 2014 Philadelphia Folk Festival. Not just limited to folk music, the aforementioned acts feature diverse sounds and styles, such as hot jazz, traditional country, gypsy jazz and more.

Peanut Butter and Jams Welcomes The Verve Pipe

Saturday, 11:30 a.m.
World Cafe Live, 3025 Walnut St.
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George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic

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The master of funk is landing his mothership at the Keswick Theatre. The self-proclaimed "Dr. Funkenstein," George Clinton and his band will be bringing the funk and playing classic songs all night. Rumors are swirling that he may be unveiling some new songs.

DANCE

Doug Elkins Choreography Etc.

Thursday-Saturday
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, 3680 Walnut St.
$20-$55, 215-898-6702
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Doug Elkins has been bringing his witty and satirical dance choreography to audiences for more than 20 years. This time around the program features Mo(or)town/Redux, Elkins' version of Shakespeare's "Othello" set to an all-Motown soundtrack of Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Amy Winehouse and more. If you're looking for something out of the ordinary, this is the ticket.

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March 9, 1 p.m.
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Horoscope

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♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Be on the alert for valuable financial information. There is a possibility of advancement, or perhaps a new job, if you are able to utilize a choice tip.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You will face opposition if you are outspoken. There is nothing to be gained by antagonizing everyone around you.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your plans will be given a boost from those you have helped in the past. Your generosity will be proof that you deserve rewards.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. A partnership will flourish if given the chance. If you share your intentions, you will get the response you need to move forward.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Someone may be jealous of your achievements. Don't be influenced by the negative comments. You will get rewarding results if you continue on your path.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. There is much to be gained through travel. As your knowledge increases, more opportunities will become available.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You'll be overwhelmed with responsibilities. Don't allow self-doubt to prevent you from improving your prospects.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. It's a good day for you to deal with a disagreeable personal situation. You cannot protect someone's feelings. Honesty will be in your best interest.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. A promotion is within your reach. Your hard work will open the door to new job possibilities.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Career and family commitments will be detrimental to your mental health. Take in some lighthearted entertainment.

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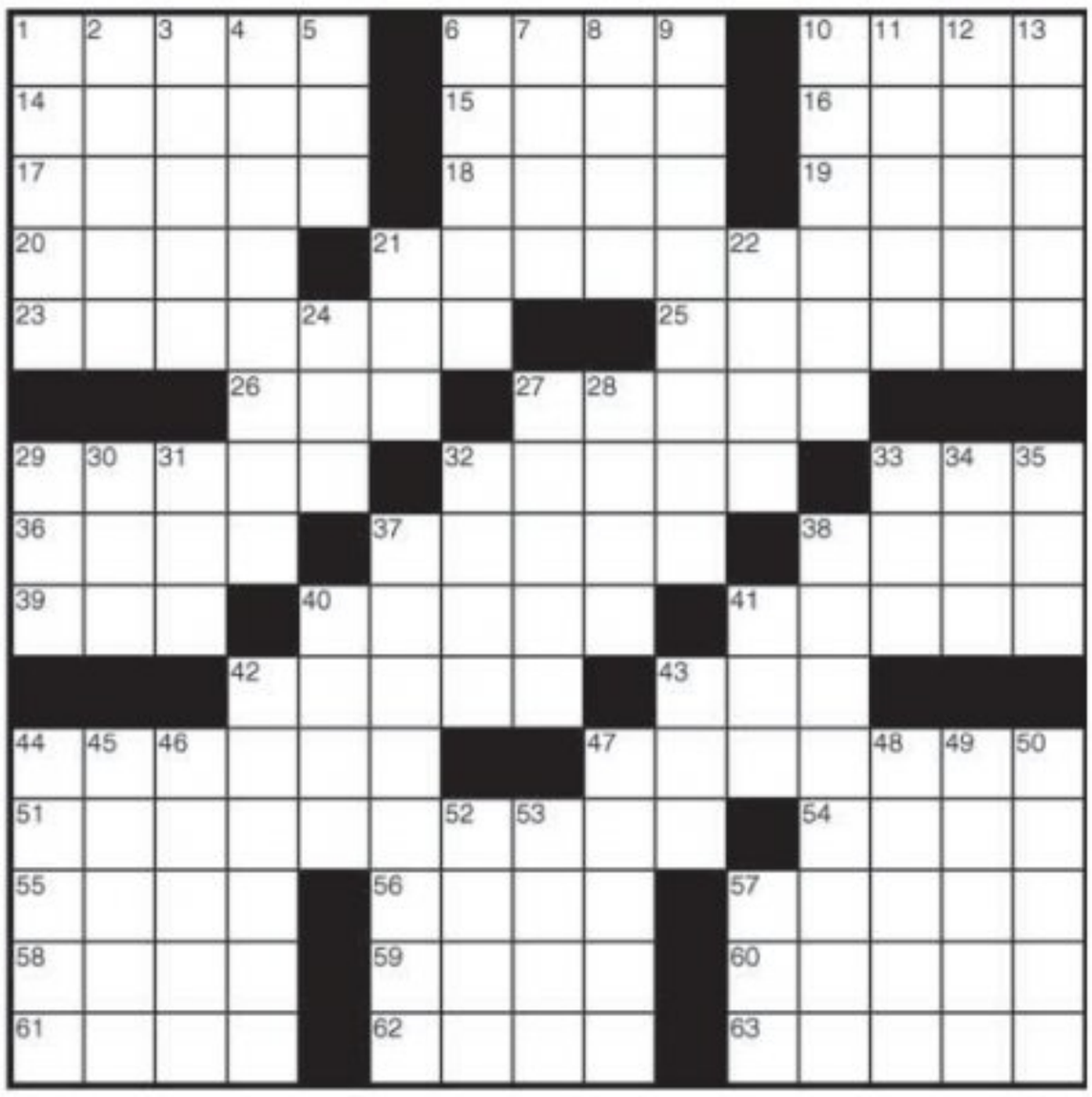

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Honoring Fregosi

Phillies honor skipper

Prior to Wednesday's game, the Phillies and Braves paid tribute to the late Jim Fregosi. A number of his former players sported retro jerseys from when they shared a dugout with the 1993 World Series manager. Darren Daulton, Kent Tekulve and Greg Walker were among those, taking part.

Youthful Union poised to make noise in 2014

MLS. The Union return to Philly ready to start the new season.

The Union in terms of age are among the youngest teams in the MLS, but age is just a number. In this league it's experience and chemistry that matters most. The Union have plenty of it.

"We have to shake that young label off," said coach John Hackworth. "The guys who are still young in age have a lot of experience in our league right now. It's a time that all of our players need to realize that this season isn't as much about growth as it's about going out and executing at the level that's required for a team that wants to compete for a championship."

Maurice Edu, a new addition to the Union this year, has veteran experience from playing for Team USA. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"When you add a guy like Maurice Edu, who comes to work everyday working his hardest, that's important. ... He also has a work ethic, desire and passion to just play like any other guy on the roster." Hackworth

The Union finished 2-2-3 in preseason but looked strong and in sync after a demoralizing end to last season. They missed out on the playoffs by a mere three points. Veterans like Sebastien Le Toux are trying to keep the youth of this team in check and following the right path.

"I try to lead by example and being one of the older players on the team I try to make sure that the young guys do everything they need to do both on and off the field," said Le Toux. "This year we are young, but we are a good young. We have the energy and hungriness to win a title."

Le Toux is entering his seventh season in the MLS. He tallied a career-high 12 assists last season which ranked him second in the league. He'll be relied upon heavily to repeat that success this season. He just needs to stay on the field.

"My goal this year is to stay healthy and to make this team a winner," said Le Toux.

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MLS. Union unveil new uniforms, open season Saturday

As the preseason concludes and the Union get ready to head west to open the season against Portland Saturday, the team held an event at Dave and Busters to reveal the team's attire for 2014.

The entire Philadelphia Union roster and coaching staff attended, where the team met and signed autographs with more than 1,000 fans on hand for the event.

It was clear from the start of Tuesday's get-together that the players couldn't wait to suit up.

"As a player, I'm very excited to wear the new jerseys," said Sebastien Le Toux. "It's nice to have the fans respond the way they have to this [event] because it's kind of a one-time occasion for them to be close to us all at the same time. It's a very fun event for us and it really pumps us up for the upcoming season."

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Sebastien Le Toux
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Kicking off

Here are the Union's first few games in 2014:

- Saturday at Portland
- March 15 vs. New England
- March 22 at Columbus
- March 29 vs. Montreal

The Flyers will face Andrej Meszaros and the Bruins two more times this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers trade Meszaros for draft pick

NHL. The Flyers traded defenseman Andrej Meszaros to the Bruins just before Wednesday's trade deadline.

The Flyers shipped Andrej Meszaros up to Boston Wednesday, trading the veteran defenseman for a 2014 conditional third-round draft pick.

The pick becomes a second-rounder if the Bruins make the Eastern Conference finals and if Meszaros plays in at least two-thirds of Boston's playoff games, or if the Bruins re-sign the 28-year-old before the draft.

If Boston signs Meszaros after the draft, the Flyers receive an additional fourth-round pick in 2015.

It became clear Tuesday evening, after the Flyers acquired shot-blocking defenseman Andrew MacDonald from the Islanders, that Meszaros was expendable and would likely be traded away.

Meszaros, who will be an unrestricted free agent at year's end, had 17 points for the Flyers this season.

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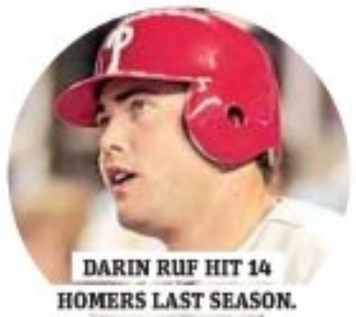
Phillies, Braves tie

Ruf improving in Clearwater

It took a minute for Darin Ruf to shake off the effects of being struck in the back of the head. Braves centerfielder Jordan Schafer uncorked a throw, which struck Ruf in the helmet as he slid into third base.

But the young power hitter stayed in the game and is all right.



DARIN RUF HIT 14 HOMERS LAST SEASON.
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Ruf, who struggled last season against left-handed pitching and with runners in scoring position, has been better than all right this spring. He was 1-for-4 during the Phillies' 2-2 tie with the Braves Wednesday, and has hit the ball hard and played a solid outfield.

"I've been working on this now for a year and I think I'm playing decent out there," Ruf said. "Today is just the second start I've had out there this [spring]."

Ruf, who should make the team as a backup outfielder or first baseman, is charging the ball and throwing with authority.

"I'm doing all that I can to make the team," he said. "I want to have the best spring I can and help this team as much as possible." ED CONDRAN

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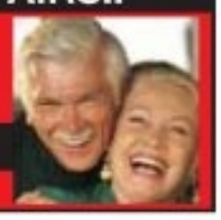

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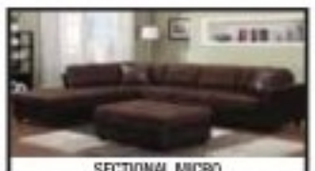

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To obtain a copy of the RFPs visit www.intelafunds.net and go to "Bid Opportunities" or you may find RFP copies on the schools website at www.dvchs.net. Questions regarding this request can be sent to Remy Bilboud at remy@intelagentresources.com or by calling 412-231-1515.

Notice Notice is hereby given that NewCourtland Elder Services will hold a public meeting on March 12, 2014 to discuss with the public the findings of the subsurface investigation performed at the property located at 1940 West Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The public meeting will be held at the facility located at 1940 West Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from 6-8 P.M. NewCourtland Elder Services has developed the property into a medical model care facility.

This notice is made under the provision of the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, the Act of May 19, 1995, P.L. #4, No. 2. This Act provides the opportunity for the municipality to request a public involvement plan for properties for which site-specific standards are being proposed through the submittal of a Notice of Intent to Remediate. The City of Philadelphia has submitted a request to NewCourtland Elder Services to be involved in the development and implementation of a public involvement plan at this site. Questions and any comments should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, Land Recycling/Cleanup Division, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401.

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Notification hereby is given that Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, 101 N. Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57104, has filed on March 6, 2014 an application with the Comptroller of the Currency, as specified in 12 C.F.R. 5.30 of the Comptroller's regulations, for permission to change the location of its Centre Square branch from 1500 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19102 to 15th & Chestnut, 1501 Chestnut St, Philadelphia, PA 19102

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Large Bank Licensing Lead Expert, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mail Stop 10E-2, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20219, within 15 days after the date of this publication. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file with the Comptroller of the Currency as part of the public file. This file is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

City of Philadelphia
Public Hearing Notice

The **Committee on Public Health and Human Services** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Thursday, March 13, 2014**, at **1:00 PM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following items:

140095 An Ordinance amending Chapter 10-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Public Places-Prohibited Conduct," by adding a new Section to prohibit the use of Electronic Smoking Devices in public places and in the workplace, under certain terms and conditions.

140096 An Ordinance amending Chapter 9-600 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled "Service and Other Businesses," by clarifying penalties for violations of Section 9-622, entitled "Cigarettes and Tobacco Products," and by adding a new section to prohibit sales of electronic smoking devices and unapproved nicotine delivery products to minors, under certain terms and conditions.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed items.

Copies of the foregoing items are available in the Office of the Chief Clerk of the Council, Room 402, City Hall.

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